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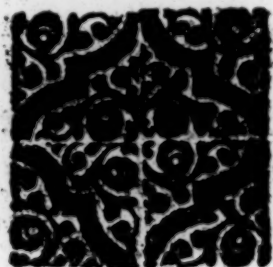
AGAINST

WILLIAM

ARCHBISHOP

OF CANTERBURY,

1640.



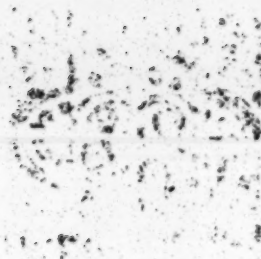
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Articles of the Commons
 assembled in Parliament, in main-
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 whereby

Wth LLth AM LAUD

Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, stands
 charged with high Treason.

I.

THat the said *William Laud*, Archbi-
 shop of *Canterbury*, hath traiterously
 laboured to subvert the fundamentall
 Lawes and Government of the Kingdome,
 by giving his Majestie advice privately, and
 at Councell Table, High Commission, and
 in other places said, that he would have them
 governed by Civill Lawes, and further said,
 he would make the proudest subject in the
 Kingdome to give way to him; and being
 told it was against Law, he replied he would
 make it Law, and that the King might at his
 owne pleasure take away without Law, and
 make it warrantable by Gods Law.

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I I.

His countenancing of Books & their Authors for the maintenance of his unlimited and absolute power, wherein the power of the Parliament is denied, and the Bishops power of Prelacie set up.

I I I.

That he traiterously went about to interrupt the Judges by his threatnings, and other meanes, to constrain them to give false Judgement in the case of Ship-money, as will appeare both by writings, and his hand, by testimony of divers persons of good worth and quality.

I V.

That he hath taken bribes, and sold Justice in the high Commission Court, as Archbishop, and hath not onely corrupted the Judges there, but hath also sold Judicious places to be corrupted.

V.

That he hath endeavoured the encroachment of Jurisdiction and institution of Canons, which are not onely unlawfull, but prejudiciall to the subject; and that he hath exercised his authority very cruelly, both as a Chancellour, Commissioner, and Judge.

V I.

That he hath traiterously assumed a capital power over his Majesties subjects, denying
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ing his power of Prelacy as from the King.

VII.

That by false erroneous doctrines, and other sinister wayes and meanes, he went about to subvert Religion established in this Kingdome, and to set up Papistry and superstition in the Church.

VIII.

That by undue meanes and practices hee hath gotten into his hands the power of nominating of Ministers to spirituall promotions, and hath preserved none but scandalous Ministers thereunto, and hath preferred corrupt Chaplains to his Majesty.

IX.

That his owne Ministers, as *Heywood*, *Leyfield*, and others, are notoriously disaffected to Religion.

X.

That he hath endeavoured to reconcile us to the Church of Rome, and to that end hath employed a Jesuite and a Papist, and hath wrought with the Popes Agent in severall points.

XI.

That to suppress preaching, he hath suspended divers good men, and hath used unlawfull meanes, by Letters, and otherwise, to severall Bishops to suppress them.

XII.

That hee hath traiterously endeavoured to suppress the French Religion here amongst us, which is the same that we are of; and the Dutch Church, and to set division between them and us.

XIII.

That he hath traiterously endeavoured to set division betweene the King and the subjects, and hath gone about to bring in Innovations into the Church, and hath induced the King to warre with the Scots, and many upon their death beds to give towards the maintenance of the warre; and hath caused the Clergy to give freely towards the same. And hath brought in many superstitions and innovations into the Church of Scotland, And that he procured the King to breake the pacification, whereby to cause a bloody warre betweene the two Kingdomes.

XIV.

That to preserve himselfe from being questioned for these and other his traiterous designs, from the first yeare of his Majesties reigne till now, he hath laboured to subvert the rites of Parliamentary proceedings, and to incense his Majesty against Parliaments.

By all which Words, Councels and Actions, hee hath traiterously laboured to
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alienate the hearts of the Kings liege people from his Majesty, to set division betweene them ; and to ruine and destroy his Majesties Kingdomes, for which they impeach him of High Treason against our Sovereigne Lord the King, his Crowne and Dignity.

And the said Commons by Protestations, saving to themselves the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter, any other accusation or impeachment against the said *William Laud* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and also of replying to the answers that he the said Archbishop shall make unto the said Articles, or to any of them ; and of offering proofes also of the premisses, or any of them, or any other impeachment or accusation that shall be exhibited by them, as the cause shall, according to the course of Parliaments require, doe pray that hee the said *William Laud*, Archbishop of *Canterbury* may bee put speedily to answer for all and every the Premisses, that such proceedings, Examinations, Trials and Judgements, may be upon every of them had and used, as is agreeable to Law and Justice.

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